

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (currently amended): A method ~~of treating~~ to treat hyperactive sebaceous gland disorders ~~[[by]]~~ which method comprises:
 - (i) topically applying a hydrophobic and/or lipophilic photosensitizer composition to skin tissue exhibiting symptoms of acne, and
 - (ii) exposing the tissue to energy at a wavelength capable of activating the photosensitizer.
2. (currently amended): ~~A method according to Claim 1~~ The method of claim 1, wherein the disorder is selected from acne, seborrhea, seborrheic dermatitis, and sebaceous gland hyperplasia.
3. (currently amended): ~~A method according to Claim 1~~ The method of claim 1, wherein the photosensitizer is selected from lipophilic photosensitizers.
4. (currently amended): ~~A method according to Claim 1~~ The method of claim 1, wherein the photosensitizer is selected from hydrophobic photosensitizers.
5. (currently amended): ~~A method according to Claim 1~~ The method of claim 1, wherein the photosensitizer is selected from the group consisting of 5-aminolevulinic acid and derivatives thereof, 5-aminolevulinic acid esters and derivatives thereof, porphyrins and derivatives thereof, methylene blue and derivatives thereof, bacteriochlorophyll and derivatives thereof, and combinations thereof.
6. (currently amended): ~~A method according to Claim 1~~ The method of claim 1, wherein the photosensitizer is selected from the group consisting of 5-aminolevulinic acid, 5-aminolevulinic acid esters, chlorins, bacteriochlorins, isobacteriochlorins, phthalocyanine, naphthalocyanines, pyropheophorbides, sapphyrins, texaphyrins, tetrahydrochlorins, purpurins, porphycenes, phenothiaziniums, bacteriochlorophyll, bacteriochlorophyll derivatives, pro-porphyrins, porphyrins, and combinations thereof.

7. (currently amended): ~~A method according to Claim 1~~ The method of claim 1, wherein the photosensitizer is selected from the group consisting of verteporfin, lemuteporfin, and combinations thereof.

8. (currently amended): ~~A method according to Claims 1~~ The method of claim 1, wherein the composition has a viscosity at 20°C of from about 50 cps to about 50,000 cps.

9. (currently amended): ~~A method according to Claims 1~~ The method of claim 1, wherein excess photosensitizer composition is removed from the skin prior to application of ~~activation~~ said energy.

10. (currently amended): ~~A method according to Claim 1~~ The method of claim 1, wherein the hyperactive sebaceous gland disorder is acne and the treatment is repeated until the total number of acne lesions has been reduced by 30% or greater.

11. (currently amended): ~~A method according to Claim 1~~ The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the treatment is~~ steps i) and ii) are repeated at least once every six months.

12. (currently amended): ~~A method according to any of Claims 1 to 9~~ The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the treatment is~~ steps i) and ii) are repeated at least once every three months.

13. (currently amended): ~~A method according to Claim 1~~ The method of claim 1, wherein ~~at least steps (i) and (ii) are repeated at intervals of not less than 5 days is left before the treatment is repeated.~~

14. (currently amended): ~~A method according to Claim 1~~ The method of claim 1, wherein the hyperactive sebaceous gland disorder is acne and the ~~treatment is combined with~~ method further includes at least one ~~other~~ non-photodynamic treatment for acne.

15. (currently amended): ~~A method according to Claim 14~~ The method of claim 14, wherein the non-photodynamic treatment is ~~selected from~~ at least one topical treatment ~~treatments.~~

16. (currently amended): ~~A method according to Claim 14~~ The method of claim 14, wherein the non-photodynamic treatment is administering one or more agents selected from the group consisting of topical retinoids, oral retinoids, systemic antibiotics, topical or local antibiotics, oral contraceptives, topical anti-androgens, anti-progestins, blue light therapy, laser therapy, ~~[[or]]~~ and combinations thereof.

17. (currently amended): ~~A method according to Claim 14~~ The method of claim 14, wherein the non-photodynamic ~~therapy is selected from~~ treatment comprises administering one or more topical retinoids.

18. (currently amended): ~~A method according to Claim 1~~ The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the activation~~ said energy is at least in part supplied by a light emitting diode device.

19. (currently amended): ~~A method according to Claim 1 wherein the activation energy is at least in part supplied by a light emitting diode device~~ The method of claim 18, wherein the device emits red and blue light.

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